GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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POVERTY ALLEVIATION SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the different schemes of the Government to bring BPL persons above thepoverty line are not being extended to them but are benefiting other persons;

(b) if so, the number of such cases that have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years;

(c) the action taken by the Government in such cases;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the schemes/programmes for alleviating such people are extended to them in full?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) The Ministry of Rural Development implements the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for bringing the BPL persons ir rural areas above the poverty line. The Guidelines of the Scheme have now been modified to allow a maximum of 20%, and in exceptional cases, where essentially required, upto a maximum of 30% of the Members in a Self Help Group made under the SGSY to be from families marginally above the poverty line and living contiguously with BPL families, if they are acceptable to the BPL Members of the Group. However these Members will not be eligible for Subsidy for taking up economic activity.

(b) to (d) A few allegations of inappropriate selection of beneficiaries have come to the notice of the Ministry. Whenever such reports are received in the Ministry, these are referred to the concerned States for corrective action. All the States/UTs are reminded from time to time to scrupulously follow the Guidelines of the Scheme and select the beneficiaries in a transparent manner.